12. Specific recommendations have been made for enforcement of drug laws in different States.

Sharing of Ganga Waters with Bangladesh

1572. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a bilateral dialogue between the Prime Minister and Bangladesh President in September last;

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks;

(c) whether the agreement on the sharing of the Ganga Water of 1985, will be further extended; and

(d) if not, the subsequent steps proposed to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) During the visit of the President of Bangladesh to India in September, 1988, a task force comprising experts of India and Bangladesh has been set up to study the Ganga and Brahmaputra Waters jointly for flood management and water flow thereof.

Insat-1C Impact on Communication System

1573. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the impact of partial failure of the new satellites INSAT-1C on the Communication System in the country; and

(b) what alternatives are being developed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) INSAT-IC satellite was planned to have 12 C-band transponders. After the power bus anomaly, it is now operating with 6 C-band transponders. Together with INSAT-1B, we have thus 18 C-band transponders for providing services. The launch of INSAT-1 D is being scheduled for April/May 1989, before the end-of-life of IB, thus providing continued availability of 18 C-band transponders. In addition two leased transponders from INTELSAT are available. Parallely, possibility of leasing a few more transponders is being explored.

Pending cases in High Courts

1574. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cases at present pending before various High Courts for over 15 years, 10 years, 5 years and 3 years; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to expedite these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Recommendations for reducing arrears, on the basis of a Report by a Committee of three Chief Justices, have been sent to all the High Courts. The strength of High Court Judges has been increased from 351 in March 1977 to 444 as on 1-11-88. A proposal to create 88 more posts of High Court Judges has also been agreed to.

Shifting of I.R.E. Plant

1575. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great resentment and discontent among the employees of the Indian Rare Earths Limited Thorium Nitrate Plant because of the move to shift the plant from Trombay (Bombay) to Orissa;

(b) whether representations have been made by the employees of the plant not to shift the plant; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to reconsider the proposal of shifting the plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN). (a) to (c) The existing plant at Trombay is 35 years old and beyond economic repair and service. The infrastructure facilities required are available at OSCOM which will make the new plant more economical. It is the policy of the Atomic Energy Commission that plants and laboratories which are not directly related to R&D programmes of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) should be shifted out of the premises of BARC. The employees of the IRE Thorium Nitrate Plant have been agitated as to their future and made representations in this regard. When the existing plant at Trombay is eventually closed down, employees will be given an option to shift to the new site or will be provided alternative employment in other units under Department of Atomic Energy located in Bombay. Due compensation will be paid to those who would like to take retirement.

Research Centres in the Country

1576. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of national laboratories and research centres in the country, State-wise till date;

(b) the total number of security workers in these laboratories and research centres, category-wise till date;

(c) the number of scientists who have not yet been promoted despite their service of over ten years;

(d) the reasons for which they have not been promoted; and

(e) the action Government propose to take to provide relief to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONIC AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sardar Sarover Project

1577. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the clearance has been given to the Sardar Sarovar Project on the Narmada in Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether the State Government has fulfilled the condition regarding the environmental angle and diversion of forest lands; and

(c) if not, the reasons for giving the clearance even before the conditions were fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The conditions are to be fulfilled in a phased manner along with the construction of project.

Functioning of the National Laboratories

1578. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the scientific community in India is unhappy with the infrastructure, procedures and environment in